

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 3 and amend claim 13.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously submitted). A point chisel according to Claim 13, wherein the entire useful region (3) convexly tapers toward the workpiece end thereof.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously submitted). A point chisel according to Claim 13, wherein the useful region (3) has a number of axial groove equal to $2n$, where n is a natural number.
5. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has four axial grooves (4).
6. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 5, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle of 75° and 105° .
7. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle of 90° .

8. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has eight axial grooves (4).

9. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 8, wherein the eight axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by angle 30° and 55° .

10. (Previously submitted). A point chisel according to Claim 13, wherein the cross-sectional surface (A') is reduced over 40-60% of the useful region (3), from a power tool end to the workpiece end by from 80% to 70%.

11. (Previously submitted). A point chisel according to Claim 13, wherein the outer diameter (H) of the useful region (3), together with the axial grooves (4) is greater than a diameter (5) of a remaining portion of the stem (1).

12. (Previously submitted). A point chisel according to Claim 13, wherein a cross-sectional surface (A', A'') remains same in transitional region between the useful region (3) of the shank (2).

13. (Currently amended). A point chisel for use with a power tool, comprising an elongate stem (1) having, at a power tool side thereof, a shank (2) for securing the chisel in the power tool and, at a workpiece side thereof, a useful region (3) provided at a workpiece end thereof with a chipping tip and having an outer diameter (H) thereof tapering toward the workpiece end thereof and having a

cross-section (5) formed as a concave polygon by a plurality of axial grooves (4) extending up to the chipping tip (3') and radially toward a core diameter (K), ~~whereby~~ wherein the core diameter likewise tapers toward the workpiece end of the useful region (3), and wherein cross-sectional surfaces of the cross-section (5) are similar in different cross-sectional locations (I, II, III, IV, V).